



Memorandum

TO: Historic Landmarks Commission

FROM: Courtney Damkroger

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 25, 2004

SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM ADDRESSING COMMISSION CONCERNS
REGARDING THE ADDITION OF QUALIFYING EAST DOWNTOWN FRAME HISTORIC
PROPERTIES TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY, GEOGRAPHIC AREA NO.
SIX AND SEVEN

BACKGROUND

This memorandum addresses Commission comments regarding several of the qualifying properties addressed in the previous planning staff memorandum to the Historic Landmarks Commission on February 4, 2004.

520 South Tenth Street

As noted in the previous memorandum, the commercial “Laundryland” structure has undergone façade remodeling and in Planning Staff’s opinion no longer retains enough integrity to qualify as a Structure of Merit.

Staff is not recommending the addition of this property to the Inventory.

296 South Tenth Street

As noted in the previous memorandum, the windows on this residential structure have been replaced since the time of the evaluation. While this property would most likely not qualify at a higher level of designation because of these missing features, the remaining character defining features are intact. The listing of this multi-family residence will not require additional Planning Permit review for this property, but will allow the owner access to the California Historic Building Code.

Staff is recommending the addition of this property to the Inventory.

485 East Reed Street

A Commissioner noted that the Geographic Area No. 6 Property list and map failed to list the property as eligible for the California Register (ECR). The consultant did state on page three of the DPR under Section B10 Significance, that the residence “appears to be individually eligible for the California Register under Criterion 3; it is a notable example of the work of the prominent San Jose architectural firm Wolfe and McKenzie.” Staff is recommending the addition of this property to the Inventory as a Structure of Merit that is eligible for the California Register.

447 South Tenth Street

A Commissioner correctly noted that the description of the window feature is not accurate. Planning Staff appreciates the note, however the City does not have the resources at this time to correct individual errors on the DPR forms. Staff believes that the basic information on the form is sufficient to warrant the addition of the property to the inventory at this level of significance.

Staff is recommending the addition of this property to the Inventory.

284 South Tenth Street

A Commissioner correctly noted that the reference to a local architect named “Page” is out of context for this property. The reference is an error in the DPR and should be disregarded. Planning Staff appreciates the note, however the City does not have the resources at this time to correct individual errors on the DPR forms. Staff believes that the basic information on the form is sufficient to warrant the addition of the property to the inventory at this level of significance.

Staff is recommending the addition of this property to the Inventory.

340 South Tenth Street

A Commissioner correctly noted that the reference to “turned balustrade and posts” is not accurate, but rather that the posts are squared.. Planning Staff appreciates the correction, however the City does not have the resources at this time to correct individual errors on the DPR forms. Staff believes that the basic information on the form is sufficient to warrant the addition of the property to the inventory at this level of significance.

Staff is recommending the addition of this property to the Inventory.

382 South Tenth Street

A Commissioner correctly noted that the reference to a single window below the porch is not accurate, rather the windows are side by side double hung. Planning Staff appreciates the correction, however the City does not have the resources at this time to correct individual errors on the DPR forms. Staff believes that the basic information on the form is sufficient to warrant the addition of the property to the inventory at this level of significance.

Staff is recommending the addition of this property to the Inventory.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning staff is recommending that the Historic Landmarks Commission consider and add the qualifying East Downtown Frame Survey historic properties identified in Geographic Area No.6 and No.7 to the City of San Jose Historic Resources Inventory at the March 3, 2004 meeting.

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